





## REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES


### ***CATCH OF THE WEEK***

Week of August 29th, 2005

### ***Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets***

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On August 30, 2005, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF), with critical assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) arrested Omar Evans who was wanted by the Miramar County, Florida Police Department and the Miami-Dade, Florida Police Department for 3 counts of murder and one count of attempted murder. On May 21, 2004, Evans and three other subjects were involved in a robbery in Miramar County, Florida, during which Evans allegedly shot one victim to death with an AK-47 rifle. A second victim survived but suffered a serious debilitating injury as a result of the shooting. During a separate incident, Evans was at a local bar in Liberty City, Florida when a drug related dispute ensued with one of the bar patrons. During the dispute Evans shot and killed the patron in front of several witness. The third incident took place on a street in Miami, Florida. An individual selling drugs for Evans was speaking negatively to others about him. When Evans learned this, he proceeded to the area then shot and killed the dealer execution-style. During the course of the investigation TOG was able to establish information leading investigators to a residence in the Bronx, NY. On August 30, 2005, the NY/NJ RFTF and TOG gained entry to the residence and located Evans in the basement with two other individuals. Evans taken into custody and was transported to Manhattan Central Booking for processing. Evans is awaiting extradition to Florida to face murder and attempted murder charges.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Omar Evans</b></p> <p><b>Wanted for Three Counts of Murder and One Count of Attempted Murder</b></p> </div>
Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On August 30, 2005, members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) arrested Richard Gonzalez in Chicago, Illinois. Gonzalez was wanted by the Passaic County Police Department (New York, New Jersey) for two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault of a child. The NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force contacted the GLRFTF for assistance in locating and apprehending Gonzalez, who had ties to an address in Cicero, Illinois. Task Force members responded immediately to the location and were able to develop information that Gonzalez was living in Chicago. Task Force members set up surveillance on the location and several hours later, observed Gonzalez walking home. A short time later, Gonzalez left the home and was taken in to custody without incident. Gonzalez was in possession of a fake identification and a social security card from the state of New Jersey.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Richard Gonzalez</b></p> <p><b>Wanted for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child</b></p> </div>

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force	Atlanta Most Wanted Fugitive
<p>On August 31, 2005, members of the Atlanta Police Department and the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) arrested Atlanta's Most Wanted Fugitive, Melvin Ford. It is alleged that on May 2, 2005 at approximately 11:45 p.m., Ford walked up to a male in Atlanta and shot him twice with a pistol. On May 19, 2005, a Fulton County Magistrate Judge issued three felony warrants for Ford's arrest, including possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. After the shooting occurred, an extensive manhunt began which involved members from the Atlanta Fugitive Squad, the Atlanta Red Dog Unit, and the SERFTF. On August 31, 2005, investigators developed information that Melvin Ford would be located at an apartment complex in Atlanta. Investigators began conducting surveillance at several locations in the area and several hours later observed Ford standing in a doorway of an apartment. Members of the SERFTF and the Atlanta Police Department made entry into the apartment and safely arrested Ford. Recovered at the scene was a loaded firearm, a quantity of suspected marijuana, a quantity of suspected powdered cocaine, and a quantity of crack cocaine. Subsequent to the arrest, SERFTF personnel gained warrants federally for Ford for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, cocaine, and crack cocaine. SERFTF members also secured warrants for Ford charging him with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. Ford has an extensive criminal history, which includes numerous convictions for drug and firearm violations.</p>	 <p><b>Melvin Ford</b></p> <p><b>Wanted for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Weapon, and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Crime</b></p> 

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On April 16, 1996, D.C. Metropolitan Police responded to the Greater Southeast Community Hospital for the report of a shooting victim. The victim, who had been shot while in the 3800 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> St., S.E., Washington D.C., was pronounced dead at 3:40 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 1996. On August 29, 2005, detectives from the Violent Crimes Branch secured a warrant out of DC Superior Court, charging Robert Philson with first degree murder while armed. On that same date, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Task Force Investigators pursued Philson relentlessly and on September 9, 2005, located and arrested the subject at a location in N.W. Washington, D.C. without incident.</p>	 <p><b>Robert Philson</b></p> <p><b>Wanted for Murder</b></p>